



Minutes

Name of meeting	HARBOUR COMMITTEE
Date and time	24 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 10.00AM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs John Hobart (Chair), Andrew Garratt, Stuart Hutchinson, Matthew Price, Ian Ward
Officers	Jonathan Brand, Lawrence Edmonston, Maisy Green, Helen Miles, Alex Minns, Sean Newton
Apologies	Cllr Shirley Smart

1. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations of interest.

2. [Newport Harbour Walls – Progress Report](#)

The committee were provided with an update on the condition of the harbour walls by the council's Commercial Services Manager. The possible short term actions, associated costs and necessary works were discussed. It was confirmed that a quote for a further detailed survey of all harbour walls the council is responsible for to identify works that are necessary would be obtained and brought back to the committee for consideration.

The Cabinet Member for Resources questioned whether there would be safety implications if the works were not carried out, and if it was likely that any of the short term costs would come forward this financial year. It was advised that the imminent review of the walls ahead of essential works would provide more detail on the condition of the walls and associated costs. It was advised that the walls would only get worse if repairs were not carried out. It was confirmed that £300,000 capital funds had been allocated to Newport Harbour for 2018/19 and that this would be used for the essential works.

Members highlighted the importance of working alongside the Regeneration team in regards to Newport Harbour Master Plan.

The Cabinet Member for Resources suggested that the recommendation be changed to;

RESOLVED:

To note the report as written and accept the progress to date and support the capital request for 2019'

3. **Harbour Revision Order – Progress Report**

The council's Head of Commercial Services provided an update on the Harbour Revisions Order (HRO). The HRO had been out to consultation and the objections had been sent to the Marine Management Organisation (MMO). Officers were in the process of contacting all those who had raised concerns and had invited them to meet and discuss said issues.

It was highlighted by officers that this was not a council decision at this stage, but a decision for the MMO.

Members questioned whether there would be a cost implication if the issues could not be resolved. It was confirmed that there could be costs in the region of £50,000 to Newport Harbour.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

4. **Terms of Reference**

It was highlighted by members that there was no public question time or written questions on the agenda. It was advised by the Assistant Director of Corporate Services & Monitoring Officer that although the meeting was open to the public, members of the public were not able to speak. It was suggested that any public questions were to be put forward to the Harbour User Group.

The committee suggested the following changes:

1. Paragraph 3.5 – Change to Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage.
2. Paragraph 3.1 – Change to 7 elected members with a quorum of 3.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference be brought back to the next committee meeting for further suggestions including those suggested above.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Terms of Reference be added to the December 2018 agenda.

5. **Newport Harbour - Get Well Plan**

David Foster from Marico Marine (MM) advised the committee that the reports from MM and Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) had been used to put together the Get Well Plan. An audit of the Harbour would be carried out in October 2018 which would detail those items which were outstanding and as well as any improvements.

Members questioned whether the deadlines detailed in the plan were realistic. It was advised that the team would be working together to deliver the items and that support would be given to the Senior Harbour Master. However, all actions could not be completed until a decision on the HRO had been received and it had been implemented.

The committee raised concerns about the licensing of working vessels, it was suggested that due diligence should be carried out. This would only include those vessels that charge a fee and carry fewer than 12 individuals.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Get Well Plan be noted.

6. **Newport Harbour Safety Management Plan 2018 to 2020 Draft**

The council's Head of Commercial Services advised the committee that the document was for reference only, and was to show that there was a plan in place.

It was highlighted by David Foster that the plan was a key requirement within the code, and without the plan the Harbour would not be compliant.

Members raised concerns about the amount of resources available and stressed that if there was not enough then recommendations would need to be put to Full Council.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Newport Harbour Safety Management Plan 2018 to 2020 be approved.

7. **Newport Harbour Isle of Wight Oil Spill Contingency Plan**

The committee were informed by the council's Commercial Services Manager that the plan had been put together by a specialist, and it had been out to consultation and was now a live document.

Concerns were raised about the methods used to calculate risks. It was suggested that definitions of the scoring levels would be available to members.

It was advised that the plan was due for renewal.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Newport Harbour Oil Spill Contingency Plan be approved.

8. **Future dates & Agenda Items**

It was suggested that the following items be added to future agendas as standing items:

1. Update from the Senior Harbour Master/Designated Person.
2. Newport Harbour Get Well Plan

The following items were to be added to the December 2018 meeting:

1. Audit Report for Newport Harbour
2. Progress report on Newport Harbour Walls,
3. Progress report on Newport Harbour Revision Order
4. Review of the Terms of Reference

CHAIRMAN